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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Grade Restriction for Attendance at Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDDC&S) Courses

1. PURPOSE. To clarify the maximum grade restriction and requirement to complete a MOS producing course.

2. REFERENCES.

a. Memorandum, MCCA-Z, SUBJECT: Grade Restriction for Attending US Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Courses.

b. Army Regulation (AR) 140-158, Enlisted Personnel Classification, Promotion, and Reduction, 17 Dec 97.

c. Army Regulation (AR) 350-1, Army Training and Education.

3. POLICY.

a. United States Army Reserve (USAR) and Army National Guard (ARNG) Soldiers attending AMEDD Military Occupational Skills (MOS) training have a grade restriction of E1-E6. Soldiers in MOS's 91V, 91X, or 91W and its associated Additional Skill Identifiers (ASI's), in the grade of E5(P) and above must request and receive a grade waiver from the AMEDD Personnel Proponent Directorate (APPD) prior to attendance. Soldiers in the grade of E5(P) or E6 reporting for training in MOS 91V, 91X, or 91W, and its associated ASI's, without a waiver from APPD will not be enrolled in training. A waiver will only be given to those Soldiers who can document prior work experience which may include certification in the career field relating to the requested MOS training. Soldiers in all other MOS's and ASI's will be allowed to attend training without a grade waiver.

b. Soldiers in the grade of E5(P) or E6 will only be awarded an AMEDD MOS or ASI upon completion of the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) linked to the MOS. [Requirements for BNCOC completion by MOS are at enclosure 1.](#) The unit must ensure that the Soldier is enrolled in the BNCOC course within 12 months after completion of the MOS SL 10 course. Upon completion of BNCOC each Soldier must submit a DA Form 4187 to APPD requesting evaluation for award of MOS/ASI. All requests must include a copy of MOS and BNCOC certificates.

c. All Soldiers should be screened for grade and promotable status prior to enrollment in AMEDDC&S courses. Soldiers who do not meet course prerequisites should be referred to their student company for processing. Waiver requests may be prepared and submitted at this time. Soldiers who do not meet the prerequisites and waiver requirements will be returned to their home unit. Soldiers promoted to E6 during the course will not be allowed to complete the course with a certificate of training. Upon completion of BNCOC, Soldiers will follow the procedures outlined in paragraph b.

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